

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2978
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BRICK KILNS
Dhruvanarayana Shri Rangaswamy

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has prescribed norms for operation of brick kilns;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some States are permitting digging of earth for brick without prior environment clearance;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and reasons therefor; and
- (e) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) & (b) The 'Emission Standards for Brick Kilns' have been notified by the Ministry under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 vide G.S.R. 543(E) dated 22.07.2009. The Ministry has also issued guidelines for consideration of proposals for grant of environment clearance for "brick earth" mining projects on 24.06.2013 and 24.12.2013.

(c) to (e) The Hon'ble Supreme Court in I.A. Nos.12-13 of 2011 in Special Leave Petition (C) No.19628-19629 of 2009 titled "Deepak Kumar etc. Vs. State of Haryana & Ors. etc.", vide its order dated 27.02.2012, inter alia directed that leases of minor mineral including their renewal for an area of less than 5 ha be granted by the States / Union Territories only after getting environment clearance from the MoEF. This Ministry has delegated the function of grant of environment clearance for minor mineral mining projects of less than 5 ha, including those of brick earth, to the concerned State level Environment Impact Assessment Authorities. In case of any violation of provisions of Environment Impact Assessment Notification 2006, as amended, action under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is taken.